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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), Applicants herewith petition that the period for response to the Office Action mailed on September 10, 2004, in the above-identified application be extended for one month, to and including, January 10, 2004. Applicants believe the fee associated with this Petition is \$120.00. The Commissioner is authorized to charge this Petition fee, along with any other deficiency to Deposit Account 11-0980.

Sincerely,

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